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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Study of Possible Measures to Cope With Kidnapping in Foreign Countries

REFERENCE: USIB Memo dated 10 April 1970, Subject: Study of Possible Measures to Deal With the Problem of Kidnapping in Foreign Countries

1. This is an interim report covering preliminary actions taken in response to the referenced USIB memorandum. Following initial telephonic discussions, a meeting was convened for 1430 hours on 13 April and was attended by:

Kenneth W. Knauf, Department of State, Assistant Director, Domestic and Foreign Security Operations, Office of Security  
James F. McKinlay, Department of State, Foreign Operations Division, Office of Security

Dr. Sidney Gottlieb, CIA, Chief, Technical Services Division  
[redacted] CIA, Deputy Chief, Technical Services

Division

Robert M. Chapman, CIA, Office of Research and Development, DDS&T

Martin F. Pera, Department of the Navy, Chief, Technical Services Division, Naval Investigative Service  
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CIA, Executive Secretary, TSCC

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2. At the start Mr. Knauf said that this particular monkey was on his back, and he explained the scope and pace of the problem and indicated what interagency discussions were already underway seeking

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to determine what might be done to alleviate the situation. He explained that any and all suggestions would be welcome, regardless of how far out or speculative they might be. He asked that no suggestion be withheld with the thought that it might not be feasible, pointing out that such judgment could best be made by the Department of State.

3. It soon became apparent that while the present problem (kidnaping) might be new, the basic situation had been considered before under various guises (aircraft hijacking) and what we were looking for were solutions that had been previously sought after without complete success. For convenience, the present discussions were broken down into the following areas:

A. Prediction of Where and When Kidnapings Would Take Place

Mr. McKinlay pointed out that as a CIA operational requirement, priority is given to the penetration of the Soviet apparatus in South America rather than to the penetration of local subversive groups such as those who have been responsible for recent kidnapings. It was agreed that State, through established channels (rather than the group present), should request that higher priority be assigned to the penetration of local groups which may be involved in kidnaping efforts so as to provide advance warning.

B. Indoctrination

State reported that indoctrination programs were contemplated or underway in areas where kidnapings might be expected. These programs include

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admonitions to travel in groups rather than individually, to vary one's travel pattern to and from work, precautions to be taken when using public transport so as not to be obliged to wait at a deserted bus stop, etc. It was pointed out that one kidnappee after his release reported that he had known he was under intensive surveillance for several weeks before the episode. It was agreed that personnel should be urged to observe if they were under surveillance and immediately report any such suspicions.

C. Increasing Physical Protection of Living Premises

State is presently exploring this problem with several elements of the community including [redacted]

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[redacted] CIA, Chief, Overseas Security Support Division, Office of Security. These talks contemplate better physical security, locks, alarm systems, etc.

D. Protection Involving Vehicles in Kidnaping Efforts

State advised that full consideration was already being given to measures ranging from the use of armored vehicles down to body armor for the protection of individuals which could be moved from one vehicle to another. Even though the subject was already being explored, any additional suggestions would be welcome.

E. Methods of Defeating the Kidnaping Effort

Consideration was given to conventional and unconventional weaponry which might be used by the target once he realized that he is about to be kidnaped. State pointed out that while in the past the arming of

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